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"NO QUARREL WITH MY WIFE."

"My wife and I had no quarrel that last Monday morning. We did have a little misunderstanding and some court words like husbands and wives often had, but no quarrel; no really bitter words, naught to suggest a tragedy. I loved my wife and children and was home with them whenever I could be."—Statement by John Ball, father of lost children.



Mrs. Ball Said to Have Written, "I Have Got the Children Away From Their Father"—Ball Denies Story of Quarrel With His Wife—Almost Prostrated by Anxiety and Grief.

Special to the Boston American.

BROOKTON, Dec. 13.—Twelve days have elapsed since Mrs. Mary Ball spirited her children away from school and led them into the woods from which the little ones have never emerged, and to-day City Marshal Ira Kingman, a party of police inspectors and employees of the water department, as well as hundreds of citizens, are searching a tract of woods not gone over before in a last desperate attempt to find some clue to the little ones and learn what fate they suffered.

To-day, too, John Ball, the agonized husband and father, denies most positively that he and his wife had quarreled. He denies the stories of bitter fights, and accounts for statements of his wife on the ground that her mind was frequently affected and that she had strange hallucinations.

Whether the mother, in the letter just made public, in which she wrote to a Sunday school teacher by the grand woman the day after she had taken her children away, was in a mood to believe that after all they might be on a wrong track, that the children were after all alive and being hidden. Others point out that in case this were the case, the police would probably have been informed of this fact by the family that had the little ones intrusted to their care.

The fact and the letter, however, would cause any family to apprehend the possibility of their children's return.

Yet the hope that the children are really alive is entertained by many, and the children have been seen since the mother wrote the letter, and the mother said she could not take part in a Christmas celebration, that that mother was going to take her away, and that she was to have a file in a big red suit.

SEARCH HAS BEEN THOROUGH.

For at least ten days the search has been going on for the missing children. The police and militia have searched practically every foot of ground that the women and her children could have wandered over. The hills and woods and bays have been searched, and the water of the river has been searched.

To-day's search of the woods near Pearl, Central and Oak streets, which is to be thorough in the extreme, will be over the one remaining piece of territory that has not been officially covered.

The woods to be gone over are three miles from the city and great numbers of people are going to the place to assist in the search. The search is being conducted with the greatest care and sympathy aroused as it is in the public interest.

They will be looking for the children, and the children are being looked for. The children are being looked for. The children are being looked for.

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GIRL BOOSES FLEES, RESCUES 3 CHILDREN

SOMERVILLE YOUNG WOMAN RISKS LIFE FOR LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTER.

With flames and smoke shooting across the sky, the fire in the house of the Somerville family, which partly destroyed the Ashes home at No. 102 Vernon street, Somerville, broke out last night.

Miss Anne was almost suffocated before she was rescued by her two brothers and sister. The fire, which broke out in the kitchen, started near the sleeping room occupied by Miss Anne, her sister, her two brothers and her mother.

Father Ran to Rescue.

Timothy father, Daniel Ash, who was sleeping in the room, rushed out of the house, and with the fire burning in the kitchen, he rushed down the street, and

timed and happy, I tried to treat my wife and children well."

MARSHAL THINKS CHILDREN MAY BE STILL ALIVE

BROOKTON, Dec. 13.—City Marshal Ira Kingman, who has led the search for the missing Ball children, admitted to-day that he is at a loss to determine which way to turn in solving the greatest mystery that has been presented since the sixties.

"Are you satisfied that the children are dead?" asked the BOSTON AMERICAN reporter, and the city marshal responded: "No, I am not, for one of the children I am sure is still alive."

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SEEK LAW TO STOP RAIDS ON TAMED DOVES

Friends of Feathered Denizens of Boston Common Are Aroused to Action.

Friends of the tamed pigeons which frequent the Boston Common are watching to-day to see if the city council will pass a law to stop the practice of capturing the birds for the purpose of selling them as food.

The birds are being captured by the city police, and the city council is being asked to pass a law to stop the practice of capturing the birds for the purpose of selling them as food.

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WEDDING TO STEADY A JOKE, SAYS BRIDE

PRETTY WAITRESS DECLARES SHE THOUGHT CEREMONY A HALLOWEEN PRANK.

Miss Helen C. Caldwell, a pretty waitress in a Cambridge cafe, declared to-day that the day of her secret marriage to Edward Kingman, a Harvard man, whose father is a wealthy Boston lawyer, was all a halloween joke.

She has renounced Adams, and, although it was a joke, the marriage takes on to be a serious proposition and will have legal effect. The wedding was held in the city of New York.

The fair young waitress, who says her marriage is a joke, is a native of New York, and that she worked in the Cambridge cafe, and that she was married to Edward Kingman, a Harvard man, whose father is a wealthy Boston lawyer.

Father a Philadelphia Man.

Adams is a member of the class of 1910. His father is J. A. Adams of Philadelphia. He has a brother, also in Harvard. He met Miss Caldwell in the Cambridge cafe, and they were married in the city of New York.

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THE WEATHER.

Fair and cold to-night. Saturday fair, followed by snow or rain in the afternoon or night, with rising temperature. Light westerly winds, coming variable.

BIKE RACER BADLY HURT

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Urban McDonald, a popular New York boy, who was injured in a bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, was badly injured in an accident early this morning.

PASTEUR DEBATE TO-NIGHT

The annual debate at Harvard for the Pasteur medal will take place in the New Lecture Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The debate will be between two teams selected at a series of preliminary debates.

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The BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN will give away 100 valuable Christmas presents to its readers. These presents are to be distributed among readers of the AMERICAN on Sunday, December 15. The conditions are very simple. It will be comparatively easy to share in the gifts.

TRY AGAIN TO START MINES

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Dec. 13.—Yesterday's attempt to start the mines with their old employees having failed, the owners have determined, it is said, to wait no more time in resorting to the use of outside non-unionists. Something like 500 men are understood to be held in readiness, and the expectation is that they will be rushed to work and started today.

BOSTON CITIZENS DENY HUB MOST WICKED CITY

STATISTICS ADVANCED BY CHICAGO MAN PROVE NOTHING, THEY DECLARE.

Boston citizens fail to agree with the false declaration from Chicago that the Hub is the wickedest big city in the United States. Also, they think a statement coming from Chicago, of all places, is hardly appropriate.

How Boston Figures Pile Up. Hugo also finds that Chicago has only 18.7 policemen for every square mile of territory, while Boston has to have 26.5 policemen per square mile. So, again, it is all the more honest.

AD AIR RAILROADS BOOM HUB, SAYS BYRNE

Having been lashed by a hurricane for a week, and with nine east windstorms lashed off by the mountains which continually swept her decks, the Leyland steamship Devotional, which left Boston at 8 o'clock today, four days late, Captain Trent and his twelve sailors passengers said that it was the worst passage they had ever experienced.

The big craft sailed under sail at Liverpool, December 1 and was held up in the outer harbor for twelve hours by a fog. Once the fog lifted, the Devotional encountered a succession of terrific gales which on the third day out brought the vessel to a standstill.

The strongest sometimes eat the least, but they eat wisely. Not what you eat, but what you digest, gives you strength.

Unedea Biscuit is the most nourishing and digestible food made from flour. Eat wisely—eat for strength—Unedea Biscuit.

ARCHBISHOP APPEALS FOR WORKING BOYS

Urges Donations to Aid Worthily Work at Home at Newton Highlands.

In an effort to aid the Working Boys' Home, in which he has always taken a deep interest, Archbishop William H. O'Connell has issued an appeal for contributions of money. An organization of the Working Boys' Home was established in 1902. Since that time, the archbishop has been the sponsor of the home, and the only requirement of the boys is that they be of the Catholic faith.

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FIRE IN PRABOY.

PEABODY, Dec. 13.—The two and a half story house with 10,000 sq. ft. of floor space, owned by William Praby, was destroyed by the amount of \$25,000 by fire yesterday.

GIFT OF GYMNASIUM. ANDOVER, N. H., Dec. 13.—A gymnasium building for Peabody Academy has been made possible by a gift of \$500 from Miss Emma F. Moore of Cambridge.

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Our Friday and Saturday Special Values

Extraordinary Sale of High-Grade Waists for Women A MANUFACTURER'S SURPLUS STOCK At Less Than Half Actual Values

Waists of black, blue, brown, white or cream net—plain or figured; also Messaline Waists in black, white, blue or pink, elaborated with fine laces. Value \$6.50. 3.98

Waists of messaline and nets in a variety of styles and colorings. Value \$7.50. 4.98

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COATS AND SKIRTS

140 Cloth Street Coats. Formerly \$25.00 to \$37.50. 15.00

18 Evening Coats. Formerly \$45.00 to \$55.00. 25.00

280 Separate Skirts of broadcloth, velvets and panama cloths. Formerly \$10.00 and \$12.50. 5.98

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Jersey Top Petticoats, with deep taffeta silk bottom. 5.98

Mohair Petticoats, value \$4.00. 2.98

Saten Petticoats, value \$3.50. 2.50

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Black Russian Pony Skin Coats, 48 in. semi-fitting model, shawl collar, fashioned from skins of high quality and the markings. Hired with light gray satin, skins. 49.00

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